OPINION 663

CORVUS BENGHALENSIS LINNAEUS, 1758 (AVES): DESIGNATION OF A NEOTYPE UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of a type-specimen for the nominal species *Corvus benghalensis* Linnaeus, 1758, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside and it is hereby directed that the species be interpreted by reference to the neotype designated by Biswas, 1961.

(2) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *benghalensis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Corvus benghalensis*, as defined under the plenary powers by the neotype designated by Biswas, 1961 (Name No. 1912);

(b) *indica* Linnaeus, 1766, as published in the binomen *Coracias indica*, type-locality, as designated by Hartert, 1912, Ceylon (Name No. 1913).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1465)

The present case was submitted to the Office of the Commission by Dr. Biswamoy Biswas in August 1960. It was sent to the printer on 22 September 1960 and was published on 16 June 1961 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18**: 217–219. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4**: 51–56) and to twelve ornithological serials. The application was supported by Dr. Krishna Kant Tiwari (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19**: 14).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 31 May 1962 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (62)19 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18**: 219. At the close of the Prescribed Voting Period on 31 August 1962 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—twenty-four (24), received in the following order: Hering, China, Boschma, Binder, Holthuis, Mayr, Riley, Vokes, Lemche, do Amaral, Munroe, Stoll, Bonnet, Brinck, Alvarado, Key, Uchida, Borchsenius, Obruchev, Tortonese, Jaczewski, Hemming, Mertens, Kühnelt.

Negative Votes—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Prantl.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Evans, Poll.

Commissioners Bradley and Miller returned late affirmative votes.

Original References

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion :

benghalensis, *Corvus*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) **1** : 106

indica, *Coracias*, Linnaeus, 1766, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 12) **1** : 159

The following is the original reference for a neotype designation for a nominal species concerned in the present Ruling :

For *Corvus benghalensis* Linnaeus, 1758 : Biswas, 1961, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18** : 218–219, Pl. 3

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-locality for a nominal species concerned in the present Ruling :

For *Coracias indica* Linnaeus, 1766 : Hartert, 1912, *Vogel der paläarktischen Fauna* **2** : 874

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (62)19 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 663.

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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
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